[President.]

the Government. Was that step taken? That is the point. Mr. Salter says he has conducted a certain kind of enquiry. Assuming that it was ex-parte and a completely prejudicial enquiry, on which he came to a wrong conclusion, the procedure of course was that the Government should have been approached and it should have been pointed out to them that Mr. Salter's enquiry was perfunctory. Government would have then taken action in time. In the absence of any such appeal, I do not think that any more question could arise.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Often it is stated that cases of corruption may be brought to the notice of the Head of the Departments. We honestly try to do so but if the officials hold a hide-and-seek enquiry against what we have already gone into, the position becomes invidious.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I am glad that the question has been raised. Speaking for myself, I fully welcome and shall welcome all complaints against subordinates of Departments or even Heads of Departments, being brought forward by responsible men whenever the latter consider that a case is provable. If, for instance, the immediate superior of a particular officer does not in the opinion of the honourable members or the complainant as the case may be, deal with the case fairly, the complainant will go to the Head of the Department If the Head of the Department has not dealt with the case fairly, the complainant will go to the Government, but I am strongly of the opinion that if an honourable member has a grievance and he thinks that the grievance has not been properly investigated but drops the matter and raises it in the House subsequently, that is not fair. I would strongly urge that it is only after all the possible recourses are had and all possible appeals are exhausted, that the honourable members should or might say that the Government do not really wish that these complaints or these enquiries should be made.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Thank you, Sir, we will try to place it before the Head of the administration, if the method of enquiry adopted by the Head of the Department is not satisfactory.

Transport bus service.

385. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of petrol consumed by the State Transport bus for a trip from Kottayam to Kottarakara;

(*b*) the total consumption of petrol in the month of Medom 1120 by the shuttle service between Kottarakara and Kottayam;

(*c*) the number of buses running daily between Kottayam and Kottarakara;

(*d*) the number of passengers served daily (on an average) between the two points;

(*e*) what was the quota of buses received last and how many of these were sent to Nagercoil line and to Kottayam-Kottarakara line; and

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(*f*) how many were given to private parties?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) 5 Gallons.

(*b*) 3468 gallons.

(*c*) On an average, 8.

(*d*) 2,300.

(*e*) 16 (Released by the War Transport Department since January 1st) of which 6 were given to the Transport Department.

Trivandrum-Nagercoil	Nil.
Kottayam-Kottarakara	1.

(*f*) 10.

License to deal in second-hand motor vehicles.

386. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE. Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of those who are given license to deal in second-hand motor vehicles;

(*b*) the number of vehicles bought and sold by each of the dealers since they were given the licenses:

(*c*) the rate of commission given to the dealers;

(*d*) whether the commission is given by the seller or purchaser or by both;

(*e*) whether the Cheverolet bus 1937 model bearing TRV No. 2293 was sold in public auction on 20th June 1945 as was notified in the Gazette No. 42 dated 5th June 1945 and for what amount that was knocked down; and

(*f*) what is the control price of a vehicle of that description?

MR E. G. SALTER:

(*a*) 1. Stanes Motors (S. I.) Ltd., Trivandrum.
2. Marikar Motors Ltd., Trivandrum, Kottayam and Alwaye.
3. Motor Sales and Service, Trivandrum.
4. Travancore Automobiles, Trivandrum.
5. Murugan Motors, Trivandrum.
6. City Motors, Trivandrum.

(*b*)

Name of dealer.	*Number of vehicles bought.*	*Number of vehicles sold.*
1. Stanes Motors (S. I.) Ltd. Trivandrum ...	1	1
2. Marikar Motors, Trivandrum, Kottayam and Alwaye ...	10	8
3. Motor Sales and Service, Trivandrum ...	1	1
4. Travancore Automobiles, Trivandrum ...	Nil	Nil
5. Murugan Motors, Trivandrum ...	Nil	Nil
6. City Motors, Trivandrum ...	Nil	Nil

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